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## SCOTIA'S GAMES

### Grand Caledonian Gathering at Goderich.

A Large Number of Spectators—A Magnificent Field of Athletics, and an Unprecedented Turnout of Highlanders and Children in Costume.

"O Canada! Ho! ye weel,  
Altho' no soot' o' them  
Within thy wide domain  
No truer heart than mine;  
But when ye say like this comes round,  
Auld Scotia has her claim."  
The thistles come the most,  
I'll gang ta' the games."

Thus sang the Scotch poet years ago when he was afforded the opportunity of witnessing in Canada the games of his youth transplanted from the "land of brown heath and shaggy wood," and similar was the heart's song of many of Scotia's sons who witnessed in Goderich on Friday last, one of the grandest series of Caledonian games ever offered to an enthusiastic and admiring assemblage of spectators. The day was all that could be desired, with the exception that Old Sol beat down in a most burning manner until toward evening. Early in the day from the country roads leading into the town came swarms of vehicles bearing anxious ones to see the great demonstration; and at ten o'clock came the enormous train heavily laden with visitors from Stratford and intervening points, and from the W. G. & B. R. and the L. H. & B. R. to Goderich had brought a large number of athletes, but the pipe and most of the dancers did not make appearance until Friday morning's train. During the forenoon the secretaries and prime movers were kept busily engaged in making matters smooth for the day's doings. Early in the morning it was discovered that there was a "let-up" on the part of the town band, although the mayor made an effort to bridge the difficulty, he was unsuccessful in the attempt. Punctually at 12.30 a. m. the line of march around the Square was taken up as follows:

Manager Stewart and Chief Hutchison,  
Officers of Goderich Caledonian Society,  
Pipers Ireland, Boston and Angus,  
Highland Pipes and Drums,  
Children in costume,  
Guests from outside points,  
Pipers of Kinloch Society,  
Kinloch Pipe and Band,  
Committee Men of Goderich Caledonian Society.

After marching around the square, the procession moved down South-street and along Britannia road, to the entrance, to the ground, followed by a surging mass who almost blocked up the thoroughfare. When the arena was reached, the procession marched around the track and "broke ranks" between the jumping platform and grand stand, which by this time was beginning to fill up rapidly with eager spectators, the majority of whom were ladies.

### THE FIELD OF ATHLETES

was one of the finest ever brought together on a Canadian ground, and amongst them we noticed many of the best men in the business.

DAN SMITH, chief of police of Woodstock, the champion hammer thrower, was present in his red trunk, and exhibited a manly form, about 6 ft 3 inches high, and weighing over 200 lbs.; and he looked an athlete every inch of him. He is a first-class man in the features of athletics which he has cultivated, and his ability to display to advantage in the arena is only surpassed by his modest manner and gentlemanly demeanor.

ARCHIE SCOTT, the Canadian all-around athlete, is well known to most of our readers. He stands 6 ft 4 in., in his stockings, weighs about 190 lbs., and is a strapping looking fellow; he takes a turn at everything from heavy "putting to hurdle-racing. He is a Huron county boy, and was born on the old Scotch farm in Morris township, on the gravel road between the village of Walton and Brussels.

D. A. McMILLAN, the Californian athlete and champion wrestler, was also on the ground to take part in the exercises, and test prowess with the Canadian champions. He is of magnificent proportions, stands 6 ft 2 in. in his stockings, weighs over 210 lbs. when trained fine, and exhibits brawny arms, muscular lower limbs, and the torso of a Hercules. His forte is wrestling, but he takes up all the work of heavy athletics with greater or lesser success. He was born and brought up in Canada, but some fourteen years ago he followed the path of the setting sun until he reached the Pacific Slope, where he developed his powers until he figured with the most successful Californian athletes.

CHARLES CURRIE, of Parkhill, was another of the heavy athletes. About three years ago he made his appearance at Caledonian games and astonished the natives as a phenomenal stone-putter. He was a long, scrawny young countryman reaching upward some 6 ft 5 inches, and of modest breadth of beam, but when he dropped the shot in front of the best men present it was found that a phenomenon had appeared. Since that time Charlie has broadened out physically as well as from an athletic

point of view, and now brings down the scales at 200 lbs., and takes a hand at everything comprised in heavy competition from shot putting to wrestling.

JOHN MACPHERSON, the shot-putter, row hails from Winnipeg, but is an old Kintail boy. He stands nearly six feet in height and weighs about 185 lbs. John always counts with the big fellows every time when it comes to putting the heavy shot. Besides that line he takes in jumping and occasionally wrestling for side sports. He is well-known at all sporting points between Winnipeg and Kintail, and makes his presence felt wherever he appears.

GEORGE GIBB, of Blenheim, the celebrated jumper and vaulter, was present, and succeeded in making it interesting for the best of them. George is a wiry little fellow, of average height, but he always succeeds in bagging good prize money, even when competing with the best company. In the competitions where his name appears he usually finds a winning place.

D. M. SULLIVAN, of Saginaw, who spent about six weeks in town last year getting up the games in company with R. N. Harrison, also showed up in the jumping competition. His forte is jumping with weights, in which line he has no superior. He, however, finds a good place with the prize winners under the N. A. U. C. A. rules. Last year in Goderich, he performed the feat of jumping over two horses, from grass to grass, in a standing high jump. He weighs about 160 lbs and stands 5 ft 10 in high.

Besides the above there was a goodly number of stout boys from the neighboring townships who wrestled with the caber, put the shot and tossed the 56 lbs weight, and there were others who figured to good advantage on the race track during the various trials of speed.

THE PIPERS AND DANCERS, were a goodly assemblage; in fact, a better platform of dancers, young and adult, was never exhibited at any gathering held in Canada. Amongst those present in this class, were Robert Ireland, of New York, the celebrated champion piper of America; F. Boston, of London, formerly of Buffalo, another winner of many laurels at piping; and Geo. Angus, of St. Thomas, who was able to give them a "blow," in right good style, besides pipers McKay and Murdoch Macdonald from Kintail, who made the chatters sound during the day. Amongst the Highlanders in costume were Geo. A. Matheson, of Hamilton, D.S. Johnston, J. Fotheringham, of Lucan, Donald Macrae, of St. Marys, Geo. Angus, of St. Thomas, A. Macpherson, of Lucknow. Of girls and boys in costume there were quite a throng, among whom we noticed, F. Wilson, James B. Rankin, M. Virtue, Fred W. Fraser, James Ballantyne, F. McLennan, F. McVee, and Aggie Rankin, Dora Taylor, K. Fraser, Alice Crowden, Bella Rees, Minnie McGregor, Mabel Ross, Nellie Blackburn, Aggie O'Neill and Nellie Rapson.

THE ARENA was all that could be desired, and consisted of a large oval, roped in, with a race track running all around it. The size of the oval was 240 x 300 ft and presented a fine appearance from the grand stand, which ran about three quarters of the way around it.

THE GAMES were under the control of Manager J. D. Stewart, and he divided his work up amongst his assistants so that different events would be run simultaneously, with little, if any, friction. The piping, dancing and costume events were superintended by D. McGillicuddy, and although the number of competitors was exceptionally large, the events were placed on the platform with rapidity and ease. The heavy competition was under supervision of D. C. Strachan and Capt. T. N. Dancy, and went forward without jangle or clash of any kind. A. Dickson was overseer of the jumping, vaulting and racing, and attended to his department with his usual ability and decision. The following is

THE HEAVY WEIGHT COMPETITION.  
Quits—1st A. Lawson, 2nd R. McLean, 3d D. Cunningham.  
Throwing Light Hammer, 12 lbs.—1st D. Smith, 129 ft. 9 in., 2d C. Currie, 112 ft. 3 in.; 3d D. A. McMillan 111 ft. 2 in.  
Throwing Heavy Hammer, 16 lbs.—1st D. Smith, 100 ft 8 in., 2nd D. A. McMillan, 88 ft 6 in., 3d C. Currie, 88 ft.  
Putting Light Stone, 1st C. Currie, 63 ft 7 in., 2d J. McPherson, 51 ft 11 in., 3d D. A. McMillan, 49 ft 10 in.  
Putting Heavy Stone, 21 lbs.—1st J. McPherson, 39 ft 8 in., 2nd D. A. McMillan, 35 ft 7 in.  
Tossing the Caber.—1st D. Smith, 39 ft. 8 in., 2nd D. A. McMillan, 37 ft 2 in., 3d C. Currie, 29 ft 13 1/2 in.,  
Throwing 56 Pounds Weight, high.—1st D. Smith, 10 ft 3 in., 2nd D. A. McMillan 10 ft, 3d C. Currie, 9 ft 6 in.  
Scotch Wrestling.—1st D. A. McMillan, 2d Chas. Currie, 3d J. D. Matheson.

PIPING, DANCING AND COSTUME.  
Fibroch—1st Robt Ireland, 2d F. Boston, 3d Geo. Angus.  
Strathpeps and Reels.—1st Robt Ireland, 2d F. Boston, 3d Geo. Angus.  
Marches and Quilsteps.—1st F. Boston, 2d Robt Ireland, 3d Geo. Angus.  
Highland Fling, in costume.—1st G. A. Matheson, 2d S. Johnston, 3d F. Boston.

Sword Dance, in costume.—1st G. A. Matheson, 2d J. Fotheringham, 3d F. Boston.  
Reel o' Tulloch, in costume.—1st G. A. Matheson, 2d D. W. Smith, 3d Jas. Milne.  
Sailor's Hornpipe, in costume.—1st D. S. Johnston, 2d G. A. Matheson, 3d Jas. Milne.  
Dressed Highlander (at own expense)—1st A. Matheson, 2d Geo. Angus, 3d D. S. Johnston.  
Highland Fling, boys under 14 years.—1st Frank Wilson, 2d Fred W. Fraser, 3d J. B. Rankin.  
Highland Fling, girls under 14 years.—1st Aggie Rankin, 2d Dora Taylor, 3d Bella Rees and Alice Crowden.  
Scotch Reel, for boys and girls.—1st Aggie Rankin and F. Wilson, 2d R. McKay and Alice Crowden, 3d Aggie O'Neill and Fred W. Fraser.  
Sword Dance, for boys under 14 years.—1st F. McLennan, 2d J. B. Rankin, 3d Fred W. Fraser.  
Sword Dance, for girls under 14 years.—1st Aggie Rankin, 2d Nellie Rapson, 3d Aggie O'Neill and K. Fraser.  
Shean Trews.—1st Alice Crowden, 2d Dora Taylor, 3d Aggie O'Neill.  
Best Dressed Boy in Highland Costume.—1st F. McLennan, 2d Jas. Ballantyne, 3d R. McKay.

After the judges had decided the prizes for the best dressed boy in Highland costume, they made a closer examination of H. McCrimmon's suit, and found that he had been overlooked. They, therefore, recommended that a first prize be presented to him by the society.

RUNNING AND JUMPING.  
Running Long Jump.—1st G. Gibb, 19 ft 10 in.; 3d A. Scott, 18 ft 1 in.; 3d J. McPherson, 17 ft 11 in.  
Standing Long Jump.—1st D. M. Sullivan, 10 ft 6 in.; 2d A. Scott, 10 ft 5 in.; 3d J. McPherson, 10 ft 4 1/2 in.  
Running Hop, Step and Jump.—1st G. Gibb, 42 ft 10 in.; 2d A. Scott, 40 ft 4 in.; 3d M. Sullivan, 36 ft 6 in.  
Running High Jump.—A. Scott and G. Gibb tied for 1st and 2d place, 3d D. M. Sullivan.  
Standing High Jump.—A. Scott and D. M. Sullivan, 3d J. McPherson.  
Vaulting with Pole.—A. Scott and D. M. Sullivan, 3d G. Gibb.  
Boys' Race, under 14 years, 200 yards.—1st Geo. Barge, 2nd R. McKay, 3d Frank Wilson.  
100 yard Race, best two in three.—1st G. Gibb, 2d A. Scott, 3d A. Holbein.  
200 yard Race, non-professional.—1st A. Holbein, 2d N. McKenzie, 3d J. Campbell.  
Quarter mile Race, professional.—1st N. McKenzie, 2d J. Campbell, 3d J. Watson.  
Hurdle Race, 8 hurdles, 3 ft 6 in., 300 yards.—1st Archie Scott, 2nd and 3rd disallowed.  
Obstacle Race, 200 yards.—1st J. Watson, 2d A. Holbein, 3d J. Campbell.  
Tug of War.—Ashfield pulled Goderich township in two straight draws.

THE JUDGES.  
Heavy weight competition.—D. C. Strachan, Goderich; James Henderson and James Loutch, Wingham; Capt. T. N. Dancy, Goderich.  
Jumping, vaulting and racing.—A. Dickson, Goderich; Dr. McCrimmon, R. Copeland and A. Hornell, Lucknow.  
Piping, dancing and costume.—Rod. J. McDonald, Montreal; Alex. Stewart, Seaford; Jas. McAlpine, Wingham.

THE TUG OF WAR was looked upon by many as likely to be the event of the day, but knowing ones were of opinion that the men from the North, under command of Capt. John A. McDonald, were likely to be easy winners. Capt. J. R. Holmes had managed to obtain the services of ten stalwarts, but a glance showed that he had never been able to fill the gaps made in his last year's team. "Head or tail, for choice of position" said Manager Stewart, as he flipped a 50c. piece in the air. "Head" cried Capt. Holmes, as the coin descended to earth. "Head it is," quoth the Manager, "You've won on the first call; pick your position." Captain Holmes chose the south end, where there was a slight depression in the lay of the land, and told his men to take up place. Capt. McDonald noticed the downcast, but expressed confidence in his men, and bade them take hold. Both teams were excited, and it took a minute or two for the referee to place the red knot on the starting pin; but at last it got to its place and the word "Go" was given. For a few seconds there was a straining, and then the Goderich township team began to sway; then they were drawn forward, and then they were pulled over the line with a rush. The Ashfield boys had won the first bout, and their friends roared up and made the welkin ring.

In the second pull the relative positions of the teams were changed, and when Ashfield took the lower ground it was generally conceded by the majority of the spectators that they would not be pulled out of it. Again the word "Go" is given, again there is a quick steady jerk by the Ashfield team, and again Goderich township team is drawn forward. At the starting stake an effort is made by the foremost Goderich township man to gain purchase by bracing his foot against it, to gain a temporary advantage, but the stake gives way, and the team is pulled over the line with a rush. The whole thing has been done so quickly that one can hardly realize it until the buzz of the friends of the Ashfield team rend the air, and the waving of handkerchiefs by the ladies, and the victorious chant of the pipes of the successful team tell us that the hardy boys

from the North are the victors of the tug of war. Following are the competing teams.  
ASHFIELD.—Capt. John A. McDonald, M. A. McKenzie, J. D. Matheson, R. McKenzie, R. R. McKenzie, A. Matheson, M. M. McDonald, J. McKenzie, M. McKenzie, K. McLennan, J. Matheson.  
GODERICH TOWNSHIP.—Capt. J. R. Holmes, Wm. J. Elliott, John Elliott, Robt. Elliott, James Ford, John Ford, Stuart McDougall, Peter McDougall, J. McLeod, Samuel McCulloch, James Connelly.

THE CLOUDS in the west, which had begun to gather, now assumed a more threatening appearance, and the games being over, the crowd quickly took up the line of march to the Square, which was reached barely in time to escape the shower of rain which began to descend, and continued at intervals during the evening.

### WHAT'S UP?

#### Things That Are Happening Around Us.

The Old Man Views the Games—How the Old Heads Enjoyed the Sports—Rubbing Up Against Old Friends—The Meeting of Old Friends.

—I was at the Caledonian games Friday last, and I took in the whole procession. It made my old heart warm up to see so many lads and lassies on the platform, and made me think of the days when I was as frisky as the liveliest and sprightliest of them all, without a care in the world, a note to meet or a twinge of rheumatism to agonize over. Oh, me! oh, my! but this going down hill would be woe if it were not that there is a bright guiding around the setting sun as well as in the glory of the morning.

—And I wasn't the only one who delighted in the gyrations of the barnes, ay, and the larger-sized kelties. There was chief Hutchison gazing ecstatically upon the "Fling" and the "Reel of Tulloch," and I'm blessed if I didn't see John Butler resting on his knees and his walking stick, enjoying the "Shean Trews" and "Gillie Callum," with a look upon his face that showed that his heart was carried back to the long-ago, when, freed from the responsibilities of the chairmanship of the waterworks committee, and without even a street acquaintance with Messieurs Lumbaro and Sciastes, he went step by step through the maze of evolutions and poetic motions of Auld Scotia's dances. We're getting up in years, John and I, and we're getting stiffer in the limbs, more gnarled in the trunk, more snarly in the temper, more crochety in our ways, and perhaps less tolerant of other people's opinions, but when we confabbed about the sports at the close, I saw his eye light up with a kindlier light, as he spoke of the manner in which the youngsters brought back the thoughts of the sweet long-ago, and "the youthful pleasures of days now made sacred in the great reflector—Memory."

—And J. D. Stewart wore his kindest smile, yet firmly maintained the discipline of the field. As a manager of games he has no superior, and if he is allowed to suggest his assistants as was the case in Goderich, he can always be counted upon to bring off the games without friction and with the regularity of clockwork. And he had a field of athletes and a platform of dancers that would gladden the heart of any manager. Amongst the dancers I noticed a number of old cronies such as Geo. Matheson, who carries enough trophies in the shape of gold, silver and other precious medals on his breast to start a jewelry store of some magnitude; and there was Dunc. Johnston with his rich Venetian moustache and Burnsian whiskers, who always makes a good show on the boards; and Beaton the piper and dancer, with his good-natured grin and soncy countenance; and Jack Fotheringham, whose handsome countenance bore evidence that for the past few months he had been cultivating the acquaintance of Old Sol, with the other cereals down in Lobo; and there were the other dancers and "the weans," as Bob Rankin calls them, from "Tug" Wilson down to little Aggie O'Neill. I saw them all, and shook hands and had a crack with the adults, patted the laddies on the head, and chucked the lassies under the chin—which is a way all we old fellows have with the lassies, you know. And, maybe Bob Ireland, the piper, and myself didn't forget a bit; didn't we though? And we talked about marches, reels and strathpeps and pibrochs till further orders, and we changed and went on to other subjects, for Bob has travelled, and carries a well-cultivated brain under his Glenzarry bonnet.

We've been chums since his first appearance at Canadian games and he wears well. As Mark Paterson would sing—  
He's a croak o' mine  
A' croak o' mine,  
An' he's aye welcome ever.  
This croak o' mine.

—Taking it all in all, I enjoyed the games, and so did all the neighbors who spoke to me about them. The only fault I heard found was that the program was too long and there were too many competitors on the dancing platform. But these are conditions of things that are rarely afforded to spectators, and to my mind it is better to get too much porridge for your meal than not enough. I think the promoters of the games deserve credit for the manner in which the whole affair was carried out; and I only hope if an effort is made to bring thousands of outsiders to town next Dominion Day, by the Caledonian society, or any other committee, it will prove equally successful and attractive.

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### FROM WASHINGTON

#### What Has Transpired at the United States Capital.

A Serious Case—A Wrinkle in Cold Storage—A Defect in the Patent Office Finance—The Sanitary Condition of the Treasury Department—Secretary Whitney's Hospitality.

From our Special Correspondent.

Washington, July 4th, 1887.

More than usual public interest attached to the trial in this city, of a minister of the gospel, for alleged immoral conduct, because the President's pastor is connected with the case, in the capacity of counsel for the male defendant, and the city newspapers are daily filled with columns of the evidence; this case was brought from the historical plains of Bull Run. I don't believe the preacher is guilty, as the only positive proof against him is that of an ignorant colored man, who cannot identify the other party to the offence if there was one.

On the morning of July 1, the work of boring the Washington tunnel, of the new reservoir, through the hills north of Washington was completed. This subterranean aqueduct extends from the river west of Georgetown about 21000 feet, the construction of which was begun six years ago. Another improvement just consummated in Washington has an interest for the general public. The experiment if successful here will induce its adoption by other cities in the United States. The improvement is in the cold storage rooms recently built by the Washington Market Co. This market is in view of its fine location and its cleanliness is perhaps the very best in America. These improvements have been added at a cost of \$150,000, and there has been perfected one of the most complete refrigerating and cold storage establishments in existence. The principal agent employed in the process of extracting heat from the storage rooms is the use of anhydrous ammonia. A Corliss engine and six miles of cold pipes which convey the ammonia vapor and cold brine to the different apartments complete the working apparatus. Many are the uses to which this dry, cold air can be applied. The transportation of fruits, vegetables, meat and fish from distant points is already accomplished. By this new application and perfection of the system, preservation of the same is assured, and great advantage will accrue, in so much as consumers and dealers will be benefited by the more uniform rates of production and the less likelihood of the fluctuation of prices in table supplies. The danger that may arise in the use of these means of storing methods may be introduced and gambling extend to the handling of garden truck as it already extends to bread stuffs. Some scheming produce dealers may secure a "corner" in a cold warehouse and pack it with tomatoes or onions, and demand any price when the other dealers are short of supply and so manipulate the market. The Secretary of the Interior has approved of the issue by the Commissioner of the Patents of a statement concerning the deficiency in the accounts of the late Levi Bacon, financial clerk of the Patent Office. According to this statement there is an apparent shortage of \$33,000. Many are the rumors and suppositions in reference to the disappearance of this sum. Mr. Bacon, when living, enjoyed the confidence of his official associates, and these irregularities in his accounts are a profound surprise to his friends.

At the close of the fiscal year on June 30, there was an expended balance of nearly \$300,000, in the appropriation for fuel, lights and water, and for contingent expenses in all. By this new application it is to be regretted the officers of that department did not see fit to use the money accounting for it under the head of contingent expenses to improve the present condition of the sewerage of the Treasury. It would be impossible to exaggerate the horrible condition of the plumbing in that department. If the same state of affairs existed in any building accessible for examination, by the local health authorities, it would be condemned as a nuisance without any preliminaries. It was the unhealthy condition of this department that brought Secretary Folger to his grave, that brought Secretary Manning to death's door, and that has been the cause of death to many others as good, though more obscure.

On Saturday the President received a party of expatriation numbering about 200 of school teachers from North Carolina. The visitors were introduced by Senator Ransom at a special reception. Senator Ransom came to Washington for the purpose of offering this courtesy. Secretary Whitney has invited the clerks of the Navy Department with their families to pass the fourth of July at "Grasslands," the Secretary's country place above Georgetown, just beyond Oak View, the President's much talked of country home. Many of the employees of the Navy Department expect to avail themselves of Secretary Whitney's hospitality.

Any kind of a bath, or any other process that will produce a general perspiration, and thus bring about a reaction, will cure a cold. Simply inhaling fresh air largely, by deep inspirations, is sufficient to nip an incipient cold in the head.

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Miss A. Treleven returned home on Saturday from Tara, where she has been visiting for the past few weeks.

Rev. Mr. Irvin occupied the Methodist church pulpit Sunday morning very acceptably.

Miss Berry and Miss Nicholson, of Goderich, are the guests of Mrs. E. J. Crawford.

Rev. Mr. Howl, a native of Mount Lebanon, Palestine, delivered a very interesting lecture in Erskine church on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay, of Exeter, are home for their vacation.

When the nose threatens to bleed excessively, it can sometimes be arrested by putting the feet in hot water, or by applying a mustard plaster between the shoulders.